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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 15568.15

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 John Derek Guest )  
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 Filing Date: September 11, 2003 )  
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 For: TUBE COUPLINGS )  
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 Examiner: James M. Hewitt )

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- Transmittal Letter (3 pages) (in duplicate)
- Amendment "A" and Response (15 pages)
- Petition for an Extension of Time (2 pages) (in duplicate)
- Three sheets of replacement drawings
- Three sheets of annotated drawings
- Three sheets of new drawings.
- Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$1,020
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Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005.

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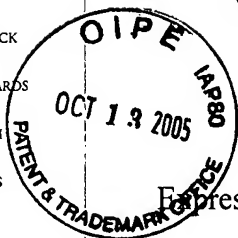
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### TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☒ Set of three (3) sheets of replacement drawings containing Figures 1, 3, and 4 including the proposed amendments therein; and
- ☒ A duplicate set of the three (3) sheets of annotated drawings showing the changes therein.
- ☒ A set of three (3) sheets of new drawings containing Figures 6-8.

X To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:

X Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time; and

X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

X A Certificate of Express Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.10.

     No other fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

			SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE
TOTAL 18	MINUS 20	= 0	X		X 18	
INDEPENDENT 2	MINUS 3	= 0	X		X	
1 <sup>st</sup> PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ _____ =		+ _____ =	
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	

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     Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3178 in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

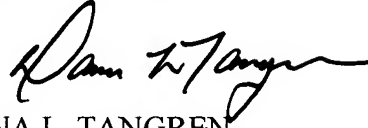
X Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

X A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005.

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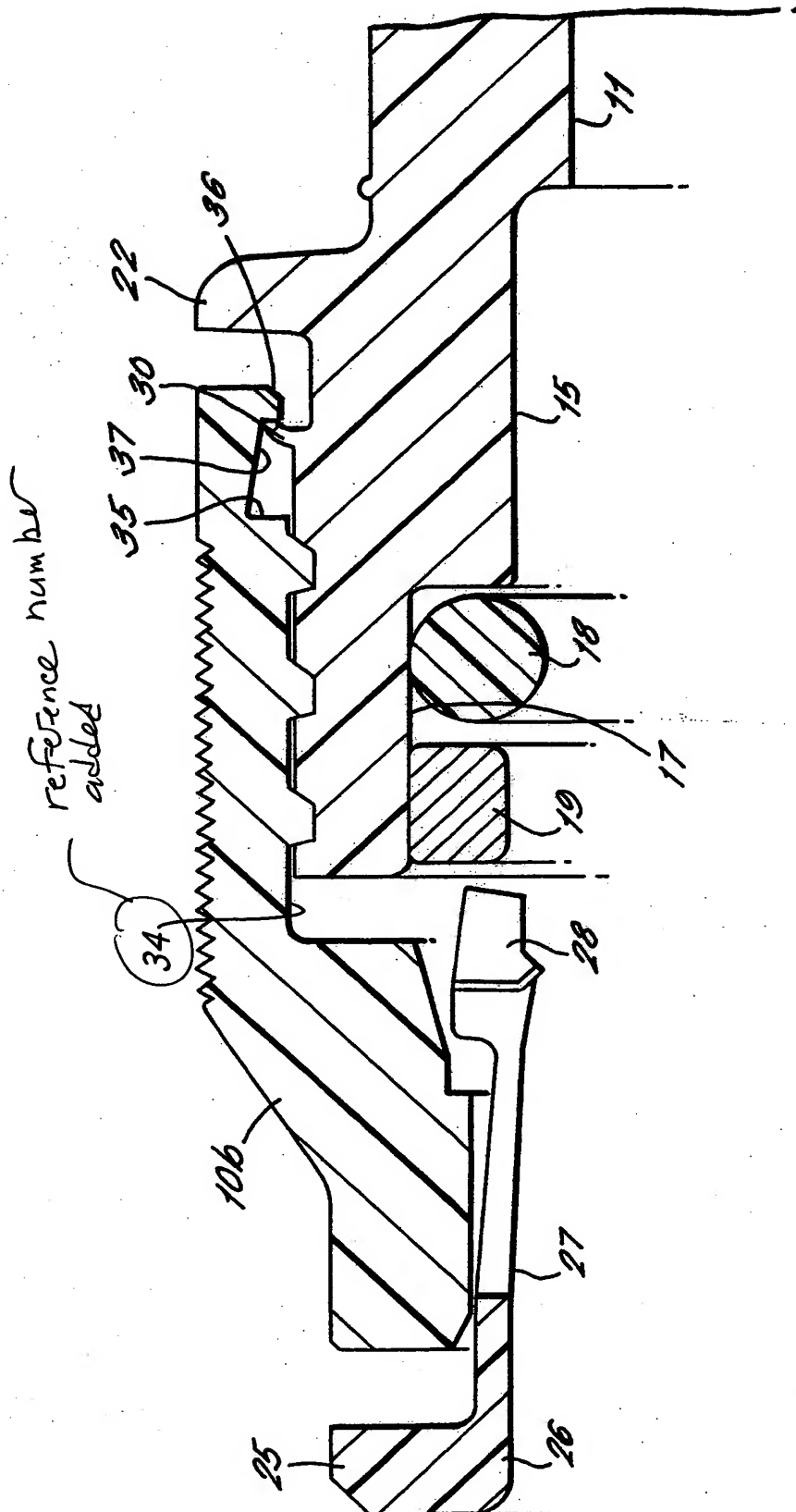


FIG. 3

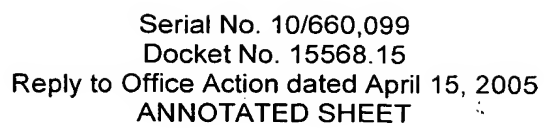


FIG. 1